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ROBBINS WINS FRONTIER AWARD

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MISSOULA--

The Frontier Award of \$250 has been given to Richard L. Robbins, graduate student in English at the University of Montana, for a set of poems titled "Toward New Weather."

The award also provides for the publication of the winning manuscript and its distribution to college and university libraries in the Northwestern states. Granted in alternate years, the award this year brought in 18 entries. Judging was by a faculty committee which consisted of Allen Cook, drama; Rudy Autio, art; Lucien Hut, music, and Coburn Freer, English.

Robbins' poetry explores the worlds of nature and the self, as in his poem "The Friend Walking toward You".

Word for word you'll talk
of the fellowship in blood, the family
of bones in each body walking. The root spray
tells you of this same tree, doubled,
sprouting its kingdom of leaves underground.

H. G. Merriam, professor emeritus of English, established the Frontier Award to recognize the work of outstanding young writers enrolled at UM. From 1920 to 1939, Merriam edited the quarterly journal Frontier and helped start many now-famous writers on their careers. Friends of Professor Merriam who wish to contribute to the Frontier Award fund may do so by calling the UM Foundation office, 243-2593.

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